(b) 21 spare engines were purchased alongwith the helicopters.

(c) No, Sir.

**Acquisition of Russian Planes**

1452. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 5 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd February, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the maintenance engineers would also come alongwith the planes acquired by India from the USSR; and

(b) what are the reasons for acquiring Russian planes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Under the terms of wet lease Agreement, Aeroflot would provide maintenance support including technical personnel to Indian Airlines for operation of IL-62M and TU-154 aircraft.

(b) Aircraft are being acquired on wet lease basis to augment fleet capacity.

**Proposal for a SAARC chair in the University of Delhi**

1453. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a SAARC Chair in the University of Delhi; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The University Grants Commission has decided to set up one SAARC Chair for academics from SAARC countries to work either at Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi or Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, in the field of Applied Economics. The Chair would be offered to an eminent scholar from one of the other SAARC countries.

**Harassment of SC/ST Employees of New Managalore Port Trust**

@@1454 SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any complaints from the Welfare Association of the New Mangalore Port Trust SC/ST employees, New Mangalore, about their harassment and denial of due promotion, etc;

(b) if so, whether Government have enquired into these complaints; and

(c) the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes Sir,

(b) and (c) The complaints have been enquired into by the Government. Most of the complaints made by the New Mangalore Port Trust SC/ST Employees Welfare Association were not valid. After scrutiny of the points raised in various

@ @Previously unstarred Question 1167 Transferred from the 3rd March, 1989.